



## North Park Theatre Will Stay Open



Dipson Theatres has announced it will no longer run the North Park, which has been around since the 1920's.

Attorney Thomas Eoannou, owner of the North Park Theatre building, recently announced that he will team up with some local establishment owners to convert the theatre to digital projection. Lots of cosmetic work will also be done on the

theater.

Eoannou, who calls the North Park the "crown jewel" of Hertel Avenue, says he'll also keep the staff, some who have been working there for 40 to 50 years.

The popular North Buffalo institution, the North Park

Theatre on Hertel Avenue will live on, despite a decision by the current theater operator to end its agreement to run it.

## New Speed Signs Installed

Last week the City installed two radar operated speed signs on Parkside Avenue, one to the north of the Florence street intersection and a second to the south. This is part of the ongoing effort to address an unsafe condition at this corner, which was the subject of a recent third-party safety assessment.

They are both solar powered, and will post the speeds cars travel in real time, as well as track the speed readings so as to compile more detailed data.

Buffalo Police Commissioner Derenda has said that the first of what will soon be



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many to be installed City-wide has gone to Parkside.

## Allentown Art Festival Set For June 8 - 9



Buffalo's annual Allentown Art Festival is sponsored by the Allentown Village Society.

The 56th Allentown Art Festival will take place, Saturday, June 8th and Sunday, June 9th, in the Allentown Historic Preservation District of Buffalo, New York. Tens of thousands of art patrons are expected to visit the festival to enjoy the beauty of Buffalo's weather in June, the charm and uniqueness of the Allentown area and the quality of the art and crafts presented by the over 400 juried exhibitors.

This will be the 56th Annual Allentown Art Festival. If you've never been take a few hours to see what the Art Community is doing around this time of year.

## HNPBL Dedicates Michael Murphy Field

Hertel North Park Baseball League president Don Morris stands near homeplate of the new Michael Murphy Field in Shoshone Park this past Saturday morning May 28 with Eunice Murphy and her son, Thurman, to dedicate the Senior Diamond in honor of long-time coach and board member Michael "Murph" Murphy, who passed away suddenly January 4th from a heart attack in his Buffalo home. Close to 100 people were on hand, including former HNPYBL players and coaches to pay tribute to the longest serving volunteer in North Buffalo baseball since 1977. A beautiful plaque was presented by Morris and will hang on the backstop of the former diamond #5 while du-

plicate versions were given to his mother and younger brother. The plaque reads: Michael Murphy Field. Dedicated in honor of "Murph" For his 35 years of service & devotion to the Hertel North Park Youth Baseball League.

Dedicated May 25, 2013. "He never asked for anything in return," said Morris. "And if he was still here, he'd ask 'Don, why are you doing this?'" A gentle giant of a man who will be sorely missed.



Eunice Murphy and her son Thurman were presented with a plaque honoring Michael Murphy's years of dedicated service.

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The Adventures of...

# Rocket Man

by Doug Smith



## Holy Angels and Us

The Holy Angels crew painted its farewell onto on the West Side Rowing Club breakwall Monday. Through the corrective vision of hindsight, Rocket Man realizes he may have seen the handwriting on the wall already.

In both basketball and softball this year, the Angels were a little less intimidating. Athletics shouldn't define an educational institution – Notre Dame and its recent travails notwithstanding – but at schools such as Holy Angels, where pride trumps profit, it can portend a sense of purpose.

And Holy Angels had not been wearing what Rocket Man once called “the pinstripes,” a force field of preparedness that frequently flummoxed more talented foes.

For insight, Rocket Man radioed Anna Nagro, Class of 2003, whom he looks on as the Holy Angels “franchise,” much like former Bison catcher Tom Prince.

Many Angels have flown on to prominence – notably singer-actress Michelle Ragusa, in demand nationwide – and Anna Nagro two years ago became the youngest person ever selected to coach a Division I softball program, at Mt. St. Mary's in Maryland.

Anna confesses she had “no clue” of her alma mater's imminent closure. “They seemed to be doing so well,” she said. “They just built that gym.” (For years, HAA's basketball court had fallen so far behind contemporary standards that it had to play home games on the road, at little cost to success.)

“So many good things happened at that school,” she said. “It's one of those special places and if you didn't have direct contact with it, you might not understand. The other girls that I went to that school with, they will always be the best friends I ever had.”

Anna was on a recruiting trip while chatting with Rocket Man,

hands-free device, we hope. “I think realistically, I think, and they taught us at Holy Angels to be a firm believer in seeing good things in everything, but to drive down Hertel Avenue and think that that school is going to be empty...” She paused. “It's just a staple in the community.”

Having only side-swiped the philosophies of Holy Angels, Rocket Man has a dimmer view. The closing of Holy Angels says something sad about our society. Holy Angels brought girls to womanhood through exercise and energy. It emphasized hard work. Hard work ain't what it used to be. It is less valued. Quicker, cheaper short-cuts are sought.

And if we can't value what Holy Angels sold sufficiently to support it through tuition, then we, as a neighborhood and a nation, have lost our way.

One of the current Angels who emblazoned the breakwall was quoted this way:

“We will all be Angels forever.

Shame on us if we're not.

Next week – Looking back at the North Park Theater.

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## Northwest Buffalo Beat

by Joe Bortz

### North Park Theatre

Our own North Park Theatre has been one of the topics in the local news lately. One of the only surviving neighborhood movie theaters to still be in operation, the new owner intends to keep it going with digital movies, whatever that is. If you have lived in North Buffalo for any length of time you had to of one time or another been in this landmark building. Back in the day, before television and computers, people actually left their houses and went out to the movies. Neighborhoods were dotted with local movie theatres and in most case you could walk to one. The North Park was unique as it also had a stage and was used for other things than just movies.

Let's start with the name, North Park. At one time the whole area located above Amherst Street was called North Park. If you know your geography it is north of Delaware Park and was first designated as the area north of the park, hence North Park. The area to the east of the park was called and is still called "Central Park". It has since been changed to North Buffalo but some institutions retained the North Park signature. Hertel was especially loaded with North Park businesses, North Park furniture,

North Park pharmacy, North Park cleaners, etc. So the North Park stuck with the theatre and that is good.

I recall back in the seventies when the theatre like I mentioned was used for more than just movies. It has a stage and draw curtains and lighting to compliment whatever is performing at the time. The first and last North Buffalo beauty Pageant was held on that stage. Sponsored by the Hertel North Buffalo Business Association, a number of local beauties performed their talent on that stage with Diane McCarthy chosen as Miss North Buffalo.

It seemed that every Christmas the Rocket held a doings at the theatre for the children of the neighborhood. I was Santa and some of my staff dressed as elves and one even wore a Rudolph costume. I won't mention her name as she went on to become a teacher at Bennett. That was one of the penalties of working at the North Buffalo Rocket back then. You were at the whim of the publisher, trying to make the publication work. Have to say it was fun and we made lots of little kiddies happy.

One of the most memorable things I remember happening at this establishment was the

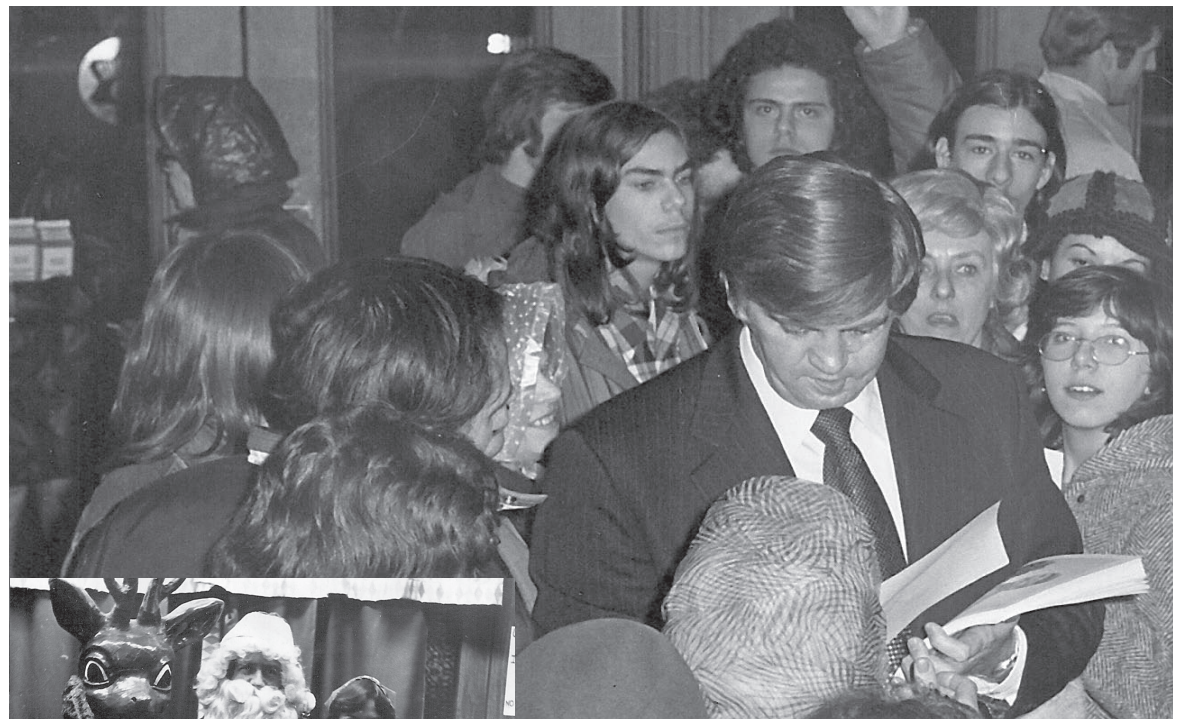
appearance of Buford Pusser of "Walking Tall" fame. The year was 1973 and it was the opening of the first "Walking Tall" movie. Sheriff Pusser had gained nationwide fame as a law enforcement officer in Tennessee, single handedly fighting the McNairy county area mob. The movie was based on real life facts which included the attempt on his life that resulted in the murder of his wife. This re-enactment scene was graphic in the movie and in talking with him later he told me it was the hardest thing to watch. Sheriff Pusser himself died in an auto-

mobile "accident" a year or so later. Not before the four men he first accused of the attempt on his life were pointed out. He later retracted his identification and three of the four ended up with violent deaths. The forth is still in jail on unrelated charges.

It was a big night for North Buffalo as he was well known and to have this great man signing autographs in the lobby of our local movie theatre was a real treat. There was a sequel to the movie called "Walking Tall 2" or something like that, a television series starring Bo Sven-

son as Sheriff Pusser and a later movie with Dwayne Johnson.

That is a little bit of the history of this historic survivor of local movie theatres. One would suppose that there are many stories out there about things that have happened over the last umpteen years since that block was constructed, back in maybe the twenties or thirties. Maybe even before that. It was just nice to have it part of the neighborhood with Norm Decker as manager over the last lots of years. We look forward to the future it may hold.



**Buford Pusser of "Walking Tall" Signs autographs in front of the North Park Theatre in 1973**



**Santa, with a couple of friends, are getting ready for the North Buffalo Rocket Christmas Party at the North Park Theatre.**



**Diane McCarthy is the winner of the first North Buffalo Beauty Contest and is seated with her parents looking on..**



**Santa is dancing away on the stage at the North Park Theatre during the North Buffalo Rocket Christmas Party.**



**Dawn Jacobs enters the Miss North Buffalo Beauty Contest.**





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**May 17, 2013**

Niagara St. - Officers investigating a 911 call of a person down, came across the subject as he was passed out on the front lawn. Officers woke the defendant up and

he admitted to using heroin as well as currently being in possession of a spoon with heroin residue as well as a needle.

**May 17, 2013**

Herkimer St. - Complainant reports the defendant did attempt to break into property through rear door causing damage to door. Defendant attempted to flee, but when detained by complainant, officers found defendant to be in possession of 6 small baggies of marijuana.

### North Buffalo

**May 24, 2013**

Tacoma Ave. - Complainant states that her ex-boyfriend did come to her residence and pound on door while yelling obscenities at her. Suspect tried to remove air conditioner from window and caused window to break.

**May 26, 2013**

Avery Rd. - Complainant states that her wallet was taken from her vehicle. Wal-

let contained credit cards and \$575 cash.

**May 27, 2013**

Carmel Rd. - Complainant states that unknown person(s) broke into vehicle and took, without permission, Ipod, car stereo and speakers, total value over \$5,000.

### Riverside

**May 26, 2013**

Clayton Ave - Complainant states that unknown person(s) did remove the rims and tires off of his vehicle leaving it on bricks. Total value of larceny \$1,200.

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**On Saturday, June 1st, from 11:00 am-2:00 pm, non-profit Heart of the City Neighborhoods, Inc.** and other are community based organizations we will be holding a Lower West Side Community Workshop at D'Youville College's Porterview Room, located in the College Center on Porter Avenue between Prospect and Fargo Avenues.

Free lunch and refreshments will be served. Kids' activities will be on site with Explore & More Children's Museum. Spanish translators will be on site.

This workshop invites anyone who lives, works, or plays in the Lower West Side (south of Porter Avenue, west of Allentown, and north of Downtown) to join neighbors for a workshop to discuss neighborhood assets, areas of concern, and future visions. The goal of this workshop is to mobilize and

organize neighborhood residents, learning more about what you would like to see in the Lower West Side and working together to create a strategic plan of action.

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take place at the YWCA School House Commons at 1005 Grant Street, Buffalo, NY 14207.

To register parents may send a request for an application to [info@ywca-wny.org](mailto:info@ywca-wny.org) or call 716.852.6120 ext. 116. Please provide your name, phone number, and age(s) of child(ren) who would like to attend in your email. All applications must be submitted by June 14.

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## PUBLIC NOTICE OF SECTION 106 CONSULTATION PROCESS FOR THE NY GATEWAY CONNECTIONS IMPROVEMENT PROJECT TO THE US PEACE BRIDGE PLAZA

Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (NHPA; 36 CFR § 800) requires Federal agencies to consider the effects of their actions on historic properties that are listed or meet the eligibility criteria for listing in the National Register of Historic Places. This Public Notice is part of the Section 106 public involvement component for the NY Gateway Connections Improvement Project to the US Peace Bridge Plaza, which includes providing the public with information about the project and its effects on historic properties, seeking public comment and input, and a consultation process as described below.

The Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), acting as the federal lead agency, and the New York State Department of Transportation (NYSDOT), acting as the sponsoring agency, are preparing an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the NY Gateway Connections Improvement Project to the US Peace Bridge Plaza. The EIS will identify alternatives to address the limited direct access between the US Border Port of Entry/Peace Bridge Plaza (Plaza) and Interstate 190 (I-190) and document their potential environmental consequences. The purpose of the project is to reduce the use of the local streets by interstate traffic and provide access to the existing Plaza at its current location. The primary objectives of the project are to address the need for direct access from the Plaza to the northbound lanes of I-190, to redirect through traffic from Front Park, to remove Baird Drive, and to provide alternate access from Porter Avenue to the Plaza.

Section 106 of NHPA requires that FHWA, in cooperation with the New York State Historic Preservation Officer (NYSHPO), identify parties to participate in the Section 106 process ("Consulting Parties"). Consulting Parties may include local governments, federally recognized Native American tribes, and individuals and organizations with a demonstrated interest in the project who may participate due to the nature of their legal or economic relation to the undertaking or affected properties, or their concern with the undertaking's effects on historic properties.

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Please provide your current mailing address and an e-mail address, if available. If you are approved as a Consulting Party, you will be invited to attend a meeting during the course of the project to discuss the potential effects of the NY Gateway Connections Improvement Project to the US Peace Bridge Plaza and to consider appropriate measures to avoid, minimize, or mitigate any adverse effects on historic and cultural resources.

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Throughout the summer, BAS will continue to provide plein air classes with teaching artist Thomas Rojek. Please contact Jayne Hughes, Education Coordi-

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Please email [j.yuhnke@hocn.org](mailto:j.yuhnke@hocn.org) for more details. Bilingual (Spanish and English) is a plus.

NY Gateway Connections Improvement Project to the U.S. Peace Bridge Plaza

### Public Scoping Meeting

**DATE:** Tuesday, June 11, 2013

**TIME:** OPEN HOUSE: 3:00 PM to 5:00 PM (PRESENTATION at 4:00 PM)  
OPEN HOUSE: 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM (PRESENTATION at 7:00 PM)

**LOCATION:** D'Youville College Center—Porterview Room  
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Please join the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and the New York State Department of Transportation (NYSDOT) at the Public Scoping Meeting regarding infrastructure improvements for the NY Gateway Connections Improvement Project to the U.S. Peace Bridge Plaza.

NYSDOT and FHWA are preparing an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) in accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) on a proposal to provide improved access to and from the U.S. Border Port of Entry / Peace Bridge Plaza in the City of Buffalo, Erie County, New York.

The primary need of the project is to address the limited direct access between the Peace Bridge Plaza (Plaza) and Interstate 190 (I-190). The purpose of the project is to reduce the use of the local streets by interstate traffic and provide access to the existing Plaza at its current location. The primary objectives of the project are to address the need for direct access from the Plaza to the northbound lanes of I-190, to redirect through traffic from Front Park, to remove Baird Drive, and to provide alternate access from Porter Avenue to the Plaza.

NYSDOT and FHWA representatives will be present to explain the project, answer questions, and receive comments from the public.

A Spanish translator will be available at both sessions.

Persons wishing to provide comments for the official record will have the opportunity to do so at both sessions. NYSDOT will make a brief project presentation at 4:00 PM and 7:00 PM. Written and verbal (via a stenographer) statements can be submitted at the meetings or may be submitted to Craig Mozrall, PE, by mail at NYSDOT, 100 Seneca Street, Buffalo, New York 14203; by email at [craig.mozrall@dot.ny.gov](mailto:craig.mozrall@dot.ny.gov); and by fax at 716-847-3055.

Comments received by July 11, 2013 will be made part of the record.

A sign language interpreter will be available at the Scoping Meeting. Persons desiring an assistive listening system or any other accommodations to facilitate participation in the meeting should call 716-847-3214 between 9:00 AM and 5:00 PM no later than June 1, 2013.



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